

**REMARKS**

This communication is in reply to an Office Action that was mailed on 31-May-2007. It is to be noted that the claims numbering system utilized and referred to in this Amendment/Reply corresponds to the renumbering introduced in the aforementioned Office Action, in which the Examiner renumbered claims 98-107 as claims 89-98. Accordingly, claims 89-98 of this communication correspond to the former claims 98-107.

In this aforementioned Office Action, restriction to and election of one of Groups I – IV was required, wherein Groups I – IV were identified as follows.

- I. Claims 49-68 and 91-95, drawn to a method for the treatment of a tissue sample in an automated straining system.
- II. Claims 69-83 and 86-90 drawn to an automatic stainer system.
- III. Claims 84-85, drawn to a method of treatment of a biological sample on a slide
- IV. Claims 96-98, drawn to an automatic stainer system having a rotating means.

In response to this restriction action and election requirement, Applicant herein elects, with traverse, the invention of Group II, comprising the present claims 69-83 and 86-90. In accordance with this election, Applicant herein withdraws claims 49-68, 84, 85 and 91-98 but reserves the right to present these withdrawn claims in one or more Divisional applications at a future time. Claims 1-48 were previously cancelled. The status identifiers provided in the listing of claims included herein reflects this election.

Respectfully submitted,

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